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Docket No.: 1344.1048

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Katsuhiko SUGA et al.

Serial No. 09/717,129

Group Art Unit: 2633

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For: OPTICAL MULTIPLEXING APPARATUS AND OPTICAL MULTIPLEXING METHOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on June 11, 2004. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to July 11, 2004 (Sunday). The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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